establish 105 new Radio Stations. Although these will be located in towns, their coverage will largely benefit the rural masses.

(d) The Keonjhar Local Radio Station has been commissioned on 29-11-1988 and includes following facilities:

(i) 1 KW MW transmitter;

(ii) Multipurpose Studios;

(iii) Receiving facilities; and

(iv) Staff Quaters.

Private Provident Fund Trust

474. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) which are the daily Newspapers in Delhi running their private provident fund trusts in which the provident fund deductions of their employees are deposited instead of the provident fund commissioner office, what are the regulations of these trusts, how they are being managed and where are the employees provident fund accumulations are invested; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to protect the interest of the employees whose money is deposited in these trusts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) The following newspaper establishments in Delhi are at present exempted from the operation of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme and the provident fund accounts of their employees are maintained by their respective private provident fund trust :—

(i) M/s. Statesman Ltd.

(ii) M/s Bennet Coleman Company (Times of India).

(iii) M/s United India Periodicals (Pvt.) Ltd. Patriot).

All the above mentioned establishments have their own provident fund rules, which are not less favourable than the statutory rules. These establishments are required to invest the provident fund moneys in accordance with the pattern of investments prescribed by the Government, from time to time.

(b) The EPF authorities carry out periodical inspections to ensure that the provident fund money is being deposited as per prescribed pattern of investment. In case of default, necessary legal and penal action is taken against the defaulters.

Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant

475. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to award a turn key project to modernise the Durgapur Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what will be the cost and companies which will be entrusted to undertake the project and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The work of technological upgradation and renovation (Modernisation) of Durgapur Steel Plant has been planned to be executed through 16 turn key packages.

(b) The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 2667.6 crores based on prices of IIIrd Quarter of 1988. So